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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of )  
William M. Ayers )  
Serial No.: 091720663 )  
~~Not Yet Assigned~~ )  
Filed: Herewith 8-10-01 ) 28 December 2000  
Title of Invention )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
THE PREPARATION OF HIGH PURITY )  
PHOSPHINE OR OTHER GAS )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 28 and 29 as follows.

28 (Amended) The method of [any of claims 24-27] claim 24, wherein the precursor material is liquid, and wherein the reaction produces a two-phase system including the gas.

29 (Amended) The method of [any of the claims 24-28] claim 24, wherein the gas is phosphine.